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SUBJECT: Closing Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Program Files in CARES Database

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to instruct Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Program grantees and service providers to stop enrolling WtW participants in the Client Assistance for Re-Employment and Economic Support (CARES) database, and to closeout all current participant files in the database.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (US DOL/ETA) notified all states of a grant modification to rescind 1999 WtW funds in accordance with Section 105 of the consolidation Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199). This modification terminates the Fiscal Year 1999 grant effective January 23, 2004.

Earlier this month, the Department of Workforce Development/Division of Workforce Solutions (DWD/DWS) sent Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grantees notice that the U.S. Department of Labor expects states to take a number of actions to avoid and/or minimize disallowed costs.

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Those actions include the following:

 Cease all new program expenditures effective January 23, 2004 - except for costs related to administrative closeout of the program. This will include the termination of all related sub agreements.

- Cease all program activities except prepaid/severable training activities. Participants
 may continue to the end of the prepaid severable period, e.g., semester. However, this
 does not include such activities as On-the-Job Training (OJT), Work Experience and
 Supportive Services since these are considered new expenditures.
- Explore and implement options for the transitioning of active WtW participants to WIA and other programs for the completion of their service plans, where possible.
- Follow established Federal cost principles and administrative rules and established and applicable personnel procedures in preparing for the orderly closeout and separation of program staff, where applicable.

ACTION

The following actions must be taken:

- 1. Stop enrolling and adding program participants in the CARES database.
- 2. Closeout and remove all current participant files from the CARES database.
- 3. The only exception to closing out a participant file are those participants who were enrolled in prepaid and severable training activities on or before January 23rd, 2004. Participants may continue to the end of the prepaid severable period (e.g., semester). This does not include such activities as On-the-Job Training (OJT), Work Experience and Supportive Services since these are considered new expenditures.

WTW CARES COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS

Local agencies are responsible for completing all CARES reporting for services provided in WtW, as well as closing out all applicable WtW program records. For individuals not engaged in an approved training activity prior to 1-23-04 as defined above, these records must be closed out as of 1-23-04 or earlier, although backdated reporting in CARES can be done through the end of April 2004. In summary this includes:

- Retrieve listing of open WtW cases using WPFN these will all have to be closed in WtW in CARES.
- Complete all applicable WtW activities on WPCS.
- Complete WtW program participation on WPWI.
- Complete disenrollment on WPDS if the individual is only open in WtW.

NOTE ➤ If it is necessary to back-date the dates on closing out a WtW activity on WPCS or entering the WtW completion date on WPWI, workers will have the ability to do that. The latest date that should be used in back-dating is 1-23-04, to coincide with the WtW program closure date. Workers must complete closing out WtW individuals by the end of April 2004.

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The following detailed instructions will explain how to complete the above steps.

Identify open WtW cases

WtW workers will first need to identify their caseload of WtW individuals. This can be accomplished by using the search screen WPFN.

On WPFN, a worker should enter the WP office number(s) in which WtW individuals might be open. WTW individuals could be open in one of two WP offices in a given county, the W2 WP office, which begins with either a "0" or "1", or the FSET office which begins with a "2". Workers should check both WP office types in searching for WtW individuals. One way to search both offices at once is to use the county number rather than a specific office number. It may be helpful to search for counts in each office initially. Also plan on searching WPFN several times to catch any updates or additions that occur after the batch date of the WPFN data (See UPDATED ON Date on WPFN).

The exception to this rule is Milwaukee County, which is divided into six regions. Workers in Milwaukee should search by the office number associated with their region. For instance, workers in Region 1 should search office 1571 (the W2 WP office for region 1) and office 2571 (the FSET WP office for region 1.)

Below is an example of searching for WtW individuals using the W2 WP office number for region 1 in Milwaukee. This sample search uses a case manager ID xct266 to narrow the search to a particular work programs case manager's portion of the caseload. An "O" for "open" must be placed next to the WT IND field to pull up open WtW individuals:

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WPFN REQUEST TO "FIND" INFORMATION 12/16/03 11:27

(FIXED "AND" SEARCH CRITERIA) XCT266 K CLOUGH

SPECIFY THE TYPE TO BE LISTED BASED ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:-
STATE/COUNTY: OFFICE: 1571 WDA: __ PROGRAM: __ WP REG: _ IM REG: _
CASE MGR ID: XCT266 ESS: __ ZIP: __ REG NO: __ CENSUS:

LANG CD: EDU: __ REFERRAL DATE: __ THRU __ SUB PGM: _
EARNED INCOME: __ DATE OF BIRTH: __ THRU __ SEX:

VEHICLE AVAILABLE: __ D.L: __ TYPE: __ DISABILITY: __ JRI: __ E/SC COD: __
OPEN EP: __ RFGE: __ VTRN: __ TRBL MBR: __ W2 SLOT: __ ABAWD: __ GRAD STS: __
LF STATUS: __ LAST CONTACT: __ THRU __ SYS STAT: __
CF: __ 2PAR: __ HISP/LAT: __ AMR IN/AK: __ ASIAN: __ BLK: __ HI/PAC: __ WHITE: __
**WT SPECIFIC __ WT IND: O TGT POP: __ WT TYPE INDIV: __ RECIP 30: __
*WT PGM TYPE: __ STAND ALONE TR: __ PRS CONT: __
WA IND: __ WA PGM TRK: __ WA TYPE INDIV: __
COMPONENT CD: __ COMPONENT BEGIN DATE: ___ THRU __
PHASE: __ DOT: __ COMPONENT ANT END DATE: ___ THRU __
EMP PROV ID: ___ SITE ID: ___ DISP CD: __ ACT CD: ___

DO YOU WANT TO INCLUDE "OR" SEARCH CRITERIA ?: N

Total Individuals meeting the Search criteria : __ 30

PF14 WPML
NEXT TRAN: ___ PARMS:
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Workers can also use WPFN to identify their portion of the WtW caseload currently participating in the approved training activities. For instance, if the WtW worker wanted to see which portion, if any, of their WtW caseload is participating in Adult Basic Education training (CARES Component code BE) and entered this training between 1-01-2004 and 1-23-2004, the search on WPFN would look like the following:

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WPFN REQUEST TO "FIND" I	NFORMATION 02/25/04 09:53
(FIXED "AND" SEARCH	CRITERIA) XCT266 K CLOUGH
SPECIFY THE TYPE TO BE LISTED BASED	ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:-
STATE/COUNTY: OFFICE: 1571 WDA:	
CASE MGR ID: XCT266 ESS: ZIP:	REG NO: CENSUS:
LANG CD: EDU: REFERRAL DATE: BARNED INCOME: DATE OF BIRTH: VEHICLE AVAILABLE: D.L: TYPE: D	THRU SUB PGM: _
EARNED INCOME: DATE OF BIRTH:	THRU SEX:
VEHICLE AVAILABLE: _ D.L: _ TYPE: _ D	ISABILITY: JRI: E/SC COD:
OPEN EP: RFGE: VTRN: TRBL MBR:	W2 SLOT: ABAWD: GRAD STS:
LF STATUS: LAST CONTACT:	THRU SYS STAT:
CF: _ 2PAR: _ HISP/LAT: _ AMR IN/A	K: ASIAN: BLK: HI/PAC: WHITE:
**WT SPECIFIC WT IND: O TGT POP	: WT TYPE INDIV: RECIP 30: _
*WT PGM TYPE: STAND ALONE TR: _	PRS CONT:
WA IND: _ WA PGM TRK: _ WA TYPE INDIV:	
COMPONENT CD: BE COMPONENT BEGIN D.	
PHASE: DOT: COMPONENT ANT END	DATE: THRU
STAFF ID: PROV ID: FU	ND SRCE: SCH HOURS: THRU
PHASE: DOT: COMPONENT ANT END STAFF ID: PROV ID: FU EMP PROV ID: SITE ID: DI	SP CD: ACT CD:
DO YOU WANT TO INCLUDE "OR"	ODADOU ODIMBDIA O. N
DO YOU WANT TO INCLUDE "OR"	SEARCH CRITERIA :: N
PF14 WPML	
NEXT TRAN: PARMS:	
RETURN FROM HELP FUNCTION	

Once a match is made on WPFN, workers can press PF14 to access WPML, which provides a listing of the individuals meeting the search criteria. An example of WPML is shown below:

					//			$\overline{}$		
WPML	MATCHED LISTING					12/16/03 11:43				
							XCT266 K CLOUGH			
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS MA	OTAL INDIVIDUALS MATCHING THE SEARCH CRITERIA: 30									
OFFICE: 1571										
CO OFF CASE L	AST NAME	PIN	SSN		REG	SUB				
MGR ID					CD	PGM				
						-				
40 1571 XCT266 C	OOPER G	91005xxxxx	336 xx	xxxx	V					
_	ARRISON H	01004xxxx	557 xx	xxxx	V					
	DS W	71005xxxxx	331 xx		M					
_	ANSEN K	01004xxxx	369 xx		V					
_	ESTER M	71005xxxxx		XXXX	V					
	EARLMAN L	51005xxxxx	667 xx		V					
_	MALLS L	81003xxxx		XXXX	V					
		11005xxxxx	367 xx							
	PANTEST H				M					
_	ATES J	91005xxxxx		XXXX	V					
	ESTAGAIN H	91005xxxxx	455 xx		M					
_ 40 1571 XCT266 B	RADY K	31004xxxxx	447 xx	XXXX	V					
PF13 WPFN	UPDATED ON:	12 12 03			PAGE:	0001	OF 0003			
NEXT TRAN:	PARMS:						MORE			

Once the appropriate population of WtW individuals has been identified for a specific office and worker, workers are now ready to close them out on a one-by-one basis. Keep in mind that there may be cases assigned to other workers, maybe ones no longer in the agency. All applicable WtW cases must be closed, regardless of the worker assignment. **Again, WtW individuals who were engaged in approved training activities prior to 1-23-04 should not be closed out.**

Complete activity reporting on WPCS/WPCH

The first step of this process is to check to see if there are any WtW specific components open for the individual on screen WPCH. A WTW specific component is one that is funded entirely by

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the WTW program and should have the WTFL fund source code listed as the component's fund source. Since WtW individuals enrolled in approved training before 1-23-04 will remain open, workers will not need to complete approved training activities until the training actually ends. However, if the individual is open in other funded WtW activities, those activities should be closed.

Workers should be careful not to close out a component that might be shared by the WtW program and another program, such as W2 or FSET. This might include components with the WTMX fund source, which indicates the component is jointly funded between WtW and some other fund source. Since the fund source indicates WtW funding, CARES will prevent WtW program completion along as any component has the WTMX fund source listed on the component. If the WTMX funded component is to remain open after WtW is closed, the worker will need to change the fund source from WTMX to some other code. WtW Workers should consult other program staff, if necessary, in making this decision. Shared activities must be discussed locally among the programs to determine if they will continue without WtW funding. CARES should be updated to reflect any necessary changes.

As stated, WtW components with the WtW fully funded source code (WTFL) must be closed out prior to completing the WtW episode, while components with the WTMX fund source must either be closed or the fund source code must change to reflect some other source. Closing a component on WPCH requires placing a C in the field above the component and hitting ENTER, as shown below:

FUNDING SOURCE: WTFL

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12/17/03 14:58
    WPCH
                             COMPONENT/STATUS HISTORY
                                                           XCTA28 K CLOUGH
PIN: 6100512483
                          REGION: 0005
                                              OFFICE: 1575
NAME: WTWREG
                     TEST
                                              COUNTY/TRIBAL UNIT: 40
                                                CASE MANAGER: XCT266
TYPE OF ACTION: C
OFFICE/REGION: 1575 0005 1575 0005 1571 0001 COMPONENT/STATUS: EMP SEARCH ENR W/ORIENT ENR W/ORIENT
                                              <u>1</u>571 0001
                 A N A A A 12 17 03 11 01 01
PHASE/SANC IND: A N
BEGIN DATE:
STAFF/PROVIDER ID: XCT266 0001
                               XCT266 0001 XCT266 0001
SCH HRS: WKY/DLY: 20 04
FREQ: DAYS PER MM: 20
FUNDING SOURCE:
                  WTFL
EMP PRV ID:
SITE ID/DOT:
NON-APPROVAL CD:
                  12 31 03
ANTIC END DATE:
COMPLETION CODE:
                                 12 17 03 11 01 01
ACTUAL END DATE:
                                                                    PAGE:
                                                                             1
NEXT TRAN: ____
                  PARMS: 6100512483
FREO: DAYS PER MM: 20
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This will return the WPCS screen. The worker should enter the appropriate component end date, using a date not greater than 1-23-04, and enter an appropriate component completion code. If the reason the component is ending is due the rescission of the WtW program, we recommend using the completion code "B", which will indicate the component was "Interrupted". If, however, the component ended for another reason, then use the appropriate code. An example of ending a component with "B" is shown below:

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12/17/03 15:00
WPCS
                CREATE/UPDATE COMPONENT/STATUS
                                                        XCTA28 K CLOUGH
PIN: 6100512483
                       REGION: 0005
                                            OFFICE: 1575
                                              COUNTY/TRIBAL UNIT: 40
NAME: WTWREG
                    TEST
TYPE OF ACTION: C (A-ADD U-UPDATE C-COMPLETE D-DELETE)
         COMPONENT/STATUS: ES EMP SEARCH
                   PHASE: A
                                         (P-PENDING S-SCHEDULED A-ACTUAL)
               BEGIN DATE: 12 17 2003
                STAFF ID: XCT266
              PROVIDER ID: 0001
   WEEKLY SCHEDULED HOURS: 20 W-2 SANC IND (Y/N): N
    DAILY SCHEDULED HOURS: 04 FREQUENCY (DAYS PER MONTH): 20
          FUNDING SOURCE: WTFL
     EMPLOYER PROVIDER ID: __
                 SITE ID:
                     DOT:
       NON-APPROVAL CODE:
     ANTICIPATED END DATE: 12 31 2003
          COMPLETION CODE: B
          ACTUAL END DATE: 01 17 2004
PF13 WPSC PF14 POST ANOTHER COMPONENT
          ____ PARMS: 6100512483
NEXT TRAN:
```

Once the Completion code and Actual End Date have been entered, press ENTER and the component will be closed.

For WtW participants not participating in a qualifying training activity, the next step will be to complete the individual from WtW on screen WPWI.

Complete program participation on WPWI

Once this information is entered, the worker can return to WPWI to enter the actual Completion code and completion date.

The worker should carefully check over screen WPWI to check the co-enrollment status of the individual. It is possible for the individual to be open in more than one program and this information can be gleaned from WPWI. For example, the individual could be open in any of the following programs along with WtW:

- Wisconsin Works (W2) Program
- Children First (CF)
- Food Stamps Employment and Training Program (FSET)

By carefully checking WPWI the worker can make the appropriate determinations.

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If the individual is open in WtW and W2, WPWI should look like the following:

```
UPDATE WP CLIENT INFORMATION - 1
WPWI
                                                         12/16/03 13:23
                                                         XCT266 K CLOUGH
PIN: 3100647416
SSN: 512 20 3156 WDA: 02 CTY/TRIBE: 40 OFFICE: 1575 NEW OFFICE:
NAME: BSTALERT PALCED-100503
ADDRESS: 101 MAIN
                                               ST
CITY: MILWAUKEE
                     STATE: WI ZIP: 53701
                                               MAILING ADDRESS ON WPWC: N
PRIMARY PHONE: MESSAGE PHONE:
PRIMARY WAGE EARNER: N HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Y DOB: 08 17 1974
CASE: 3700314337 CAT: WW C SEQ: 01 CF RFA: CF RFA DATE:
REGION NUM: 05 WT RFA: 2700316827 WT RFA DATE: 05-17-03
LF STATUS: ABAWD: N WA RFA: WA RFA DATE:
*EFF DT: ____ DT OF LAST CON: 11 01 2003 E/SC: W2 PT.ACF. T
ES WKR: XCT266 IM REG: N
                                                             W2 PLACE: W2T
                                  2PAR: NO DESC: NOT A 2-PARENT HOUSEHOLD
PF13 WPED PF14 WPJR PF15 WPWC PF22 ACWI
NEXT TRAN: ____ PARMS: 3100647416_
```

Notice here that there is a case number listed in the CASE field and that the CAT is WW C. Also, there is W2 placement information listed here, in the example above the placement is for W2T.

If the individual were open in WtW and FSET, WPWI would look like the following:

```
WPWI
                UPDATE WP CLIENT INFORMATION - 1
                                                       12/16/03 13:30
                                                           XCT266 K CLOUGH
PIN: 810065xxxx
                 WDA: 02 CTY/TRIBE: 40 OFFICE: 2571 NEW OFFICE:
SSN: 351 xx xxxx
NAME: SHARON WTW
ADDRESS: 1111
                        JACKSON
CITY: MADISON STATE: WI ZIP: 53703
                                               MAILING ADDRESS ON WPWC: N
PRIMARY PHONE:
                                  MESSAGE PHONE:
PRIMARY PHONE: MESSAGE PHONE: ____ ___ ODB: 01 01 1960
CASE: 8700316580 CAT: FS SEQ: 01 CF RFA:
                                                       CF RFA DATE:
REGION NUM: 01
                                  WT RFA: 2513658711 WT RFA DATE: 06-14-03
LF STATUS: ABAWD: N WA RFA: WA RFA DATE:
CF: FROM: CTY: CF COMP CD: CF COMP EFF DT:
WT: O FROM: 5125745755 WT COMP CD: WT COMP EFF DT:
WA: FROM: WA COMP CD: WA COMP EFF DT:
CASE MGR: XCT266 *WP REG CD: M SYST STS: E FEP ID:
ES WKR: XCT061 IM REG: M
IM REG EFF: 12 16 2003
                                                   E/SC: W2 PLACE:
                                   2PAR: DESC:
PF13 WPED PF14 WPJR PF15 WPWC PF22 ACWI
NEXT TRAN: ____ PARMS: 351024242_
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Again notice that there is case number listed in the CASE field and that the CAT is FS. Also notice that the office number begins with a "2", which indicates that the individual is open in the FSET WP office.

As mentioned, the individual could also be open in CF along with WtW. If the individual were open in the CF program, there would be an "O" (for Open) next to the CF field on WPWI.

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Making the appropriate co-program participation determination is a very important part of the WtW closure process. If the WtW individual is in fact open in another program, it means the individual must **NOT** be disenrolled from Work Programs after WtW is completed on WPWI. If in fact WtW is the only program open, then the worker must disenroll the WtW individual after completing WPWI.

To complete WtW on WPWI, the worker will need to enter a completion code to indicate the WtW individual has closed due to the sun-setting of the WtW program. The code that must be used is "PA" - "Program Authorization Ended", with a Program completion date that is not greater 1-23-04, as shown below:

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WPWI
                          UPDATE WP CLIENT INFORMATION - 1 12/16/03 13:30
                                                                                 XCT266 K CLOUGH
PIN: 81006xxxxx
                        WDA: 02 CTY/TRIBE: 40 OFFICE: 2571 NEW OFFICE:
SSN: 351 xx xxxx
NAME: SHARON WtW ADDRESS: 1111
                                 JACKSON
                          STATE: WI ZIP: 53703
CITY: MADISON
                                                                   MAILING ADDRESS ON WPWC: N
PRIMARY PHONE:
                                                MESSAGE PHONE:
PRIMARY WAGE EARNER: N
                                               HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Y DOB: 01 01 1960
CASE: 8700316580 CAT: FS SEQ: 01 CF RFA: CF RFA DATE:
REGION NUM: 01 WT RFA: WT RFA DATE:

LF STATUS: ABAWD: N WA RFA: 4700316845 WA RFA DATE: 12 16 03

CF: FROM: CTY: CF COMP CD: CF COMP EFF DT: 01 23 2004

WA: O FROM: 11 02 2003 WA COMP CD: WA COMP EFF DT:

CASE MGR: XCT266 *WP REG CD: M SYST STS: E FEP ID:

WE COMP CD: WA COMP EFF DT: TABLE:

WT RFA DATE:

WT RFA DATE:

WT RFA DATE:

WA RFA: 4700316845 WA RFA DATE:

12 16 03

CF COMP EFF DT:

SYST STS: E FEP ID:

WA COMP CD: WA COMP EFF DT:

CASE MGR: XCT266 *WP REG CD: M SYST STS: E FEP ID:
ES WKR: XCT061 IM REG: N
                                                 2PAR: DESC:
PF13 WPED PF14 WPJR PF15 WPWC PF22 ACWI
NEXT TRAN: ____ PARMS: 351024242_
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<u>Disenroll from Work Programs where appropriate</u>

Once the individual has been completed from WtW on WPWI, the worker will then determine whether the individual should be disenrolled from Work Programs. Again, this decision will be based on the co-program participation status of the individual. If the individual is open in another program as discussed above, then the individual must **NOT** be disenrolled.

If, however, the individual is not open in another program, the worker should disenroll the individual using the WPDS screen.

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On WPDS, the worker will check that the Disenrollment reason is "Other" and enter a "Y" to confirm the disenrollment, as shown below:

WPDS DISENROLLMENT 12/16/03 13:57
XCT266 K CLOUGH

PIN: 81006xxxxx OFFICE: 2571

NAME: WTW SHARON COUNTY/TRIBAL UNIT: 40

DATE: 12 16 2003
REASON: SANCTION OTHER Y

CONFIRM DISENROLLMENT (Y/N)? Y

NEXT TRAN: ____ PARMS: 351024242

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★Program Categories – FS – Food Stamps, MA – Medicaid, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – Food Stamp Employment and Training, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WtW – Welfare to Work, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.